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November 14, 1997

David Beatty Environmental Coordinator Barrick Mercur Gold Mines, Inc. P.O. Box 838 Tooele, Utah 84074-0838

Re: <u>Post Closure Surface Water Runoff Monitoring, Golden Gate Basin, Mercur Mine, M/045/017, Tooele County, Utah</u>

Dear Mr. Beatty:

On October 17, 1997, the Division received a copy of your request sent to the Division of Environmental Quality to allow your surface runoff into the Golden Gate Pit. After reviewing this proposal and considering it as an amendment to your plan, a couple of questions came to mind and some additional information is needed for the reclamation plan.

- Please provide a map which shows the location of current monitoring points and any future monitoring points. Please include the parameters which will be monitored and how this will be done.
- 2. Please provide a detailed physical channel description of how and where the surface water will be routed into the pit to prevent future erosional problems upstream of the pit.
- 3. It was observed that one of the water quality samples had cyanide, why was this?

We will suspend further review of this proposal and await your response to these concerns. Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please call me at 538-5321.

Sincerely,

Tom Munson

Senior Reclamation Specialist

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